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Public Workshops Set For Big Basin General Plan

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking public input as it begins drafting a General Plan for Big Basin Redwoods State Park near Santa Cruz.

The process will begin with two public workshops this month. One will be held in Boulder Creek on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Boulder Creek Elementary School, 400 West Lomond Street, and the other is scheduled in Los Gatos on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Fisher Middle School, 1700 Roberts Road.

State Parks is beginning an 18-month planning process to develop a General Plan for the park, which will guide the park's development, management and public use in the years to come. Once a plan is drafted, it will be presented to the California Park and Recreation Commission for approval.

"There is widespread public interest in this park and there will be many opportunities for public input during the planning process," said Bob Culbertson, superintendent for mountain parks in the San Cruz District of State Parks. "At these first workshops, we are seeking the public's help in identifying major issues and concerns."

A General Plan for a state park is designed to identify significant natural, cultural, aesthetic and recreational values and resources; establish goals for land use, park development and visitor activities that are appropriate and compatible with the park and surrounding areas; provide guidelines for operations; set procedures for protection, preservation and interpretation of resources; outline potential development of facilities; and determine the significant environmental effects of land uses and visitor activities and possible mitigation measures.

Established in 1902, Big Basin Redwoods State Park is the oldest state park in California. It is located about 23 miles north of Santa Cruz via Highways 9 and 236.

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